



**MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
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**MINUTES  
of the  
GOVERNING BOARD  
of the  
MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**September 7, 2016**

**I. Call to order.**

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson George Lange, at 2:00 p.m., on September 7 2016, at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.

**II. Roll Call.**

The roll was called and the following members were present: Larry Peterson; Jim Hasenauer; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and George Lange, Chairperson. A quorum was present.

Staff Present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer, FAICP, Hon, ASLA; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel; Tim Miller, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer of Construction; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Walt Young, Chief of Operations; Ana Straabe, Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division; Ken Nelson, Chief of Fire Division; Spencer Eldred, Staff Counsel; Sheryl Lewanda, Assistant Financial Officer, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

**III. Public Testimony on all agenda items, public comment on matters not on the agenda.**

No members of the public addressed the Authority.

**IV. Approval of minutes.**

The minutes of August 3, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. were submitted for approval.

The minutes of August 3, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. were adopted as submitted.

#### **V. Reports from staff.**

The Authority received oral reports from the Chief of Fire Division; Acting Chief Ranger; Chief Staff Counsel; Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Chief of Interpretation; Chief of Special Projects, and the Assistant Financial Officer.

#### **VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of July 22, 2016 to August 25 , 2016.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement over approximately 0.3 acre portion of APN 4370-010-007 in the Stone Canyon Reservoir area, City of Los Angeles.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of the offer to dedicate trail easement associated with Coastal Development Permit No. A-4-MAL-13-0257 (Safapour), incorporated and unincorporated Malibu.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Premier Pool Plastering for pool rehabilitation at Ramirez Canyon Park.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing the ability to register/vest and purchase properties at the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector 2016A Public Auction.**
- (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing the creation of an Auction Trust Account with the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collectors office to purchase parcels at the 2016A Public Auction.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of transfer of the remaining 32 lateral access way easements located off of Pacific Coast Highway, Latigo Shore Drive, and Malibu Road in the City of Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County from Access for All.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract amendment with MIG, Inc. for additional design services for the Pacoima Wash Greenway-El Dorado Park project.**

- (i) Consideration of resolution amending resolution 16-86 authorizing an application for Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program (EEMP) Grant Funds for Temescal Ranch Acquisition Project Phase 2.**
- (j) Consideration of resolution (a) amending Resolution No. 14-176, (b) authorizing acceptance of a dedication of trail easement over APN 4438-033-074, and (c) authorizing extinguishment of an existing trail easement on said parcel contingent upon recordation of adequate replacement of trail easement, Las Flores Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles.**
- (k) Consideration of resolution approving and adopting the updated MRCA Salary Schedule.**

Items VI(a), VI(b), VI(g), and VI(h) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 16-168; 16-169; 16-170; 16-171, and 16-174 were unanimously adopted.

**VI(a). Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for the period of July 22, 2016 to August 25 , 2016.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Chief of Construction.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-144 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement over approximately 0.3 acre portion of APN 4370-010-007 in the Stone Canyon Reservoir area, City of Los Angeles.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-145 was unanimously adopted.

**V(g). Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of transfer of the remaining 32 lateral access way easements located off of Pacific Coast Highway, Latigo Shore Drive, and Malibu Road in the City of Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County from Access for All.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.  
Comments were made by the Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-50 was unanimously adopted.

**VI(h). Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract amendment with MIG, Inc. for additional design services for the Pacoima Wash Greenway-El Dorado Park project.**

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-51 was unanimously adopted.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Joint Use Lease Agreement with Compton Unified School District and Los Angeles Conservation Corps for the purpose of developing, designing, constructing, and maintaining the Compton Creek Natural Park at Washington Elementary project.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and Mr. Hasenauer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-155 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an agricultural conservation easement over APN 3240-013-011 (approximately 1615 acres) from Transition Habitat Conservancy and entering into any associated agreements, Portal Ridge area, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by Ms. Jill Bays, Director of Transition Habitat Conservancy. On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-156 was unanimously adopted.

#### **IX. Consideration of resolution opposing Measure F, City of Calabasas.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-157 was unanimously adopted.

#### **X. Closed Session.**

**The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9 Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions.**

**Conference with legal counsel. Number of cases: ten (10). (1) *Malibu-Encinal Homeowners Association v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC431798; (2) *Morris v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, Case No. BC448511; (3) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Whittier, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, et al.*, Case No. BS136211, and related cases, (4) *Friends of the Hastain Trail, et al. v. Coldwater Investments, et al.*, Case No. BC469573; (5) *Prop "A" Protective Association, LLC v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BS 145771 and related cases; (6) *Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, The Trust for Public Land, et al. v. City of Whittier, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BS146670 and related cases; (7) *Denman, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; (8) *LADWP v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BC582732; (9) *Geffen v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, and (10) *Michael F. Ashley, Trustee of Ashley Construction, Inc. Money Purchase Pension Plan v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, et al.*, Case No. BC614622.**

No closed session was held.

**XI. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on October 5, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph T. Edmiston  
Executive Officer

Approved:

George Lange  
Chairperson